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Dear Sirs and Madams,

As citizen of the United States, I would like to weigh in with my opinion on the U.S. vs Microsoft trial and judgement:

That Microsoft has been found guilty of abusing its monopoly power, first by Judge Jackson, and having that opinion unanimously upheld by an appeals court, I find it both shocking and disheartening that Microsoft has not had to face any penalty nor pay any fines for such a finding of guilt of its past crimes.

I find the settlement proposed by the US DOJ to be a weak and useless compromise, clearly in Microsoft's own interests and plans. Microsoft has shown, time and time again, that it is not only an abusive monopoly, but that it is unwilling and/or incapable of abiding by any remedies for its behavior set forth by the courts.

Microsoft does not innovate. It either buys up, undercuts or blatantly copies the competition. The real losers in this situation are consumers at large, to say nothing of the computer industry.

I implore you to find and mete out a punishment and remedy of behavior that fits the magnitude and history of Microsoft's illegal behaviors. To not do so is an injustice to millions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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